

February 18, 1907

March 14, 1987

OBSEQUIES OF

Supt. H.W. Cortez



Wednesday, March 18, 1987

2:00 PM

Emmanuel Church of God in Christ

900 N. Adams

Amarillo, Texas

OBITUARY

ELDER HAYWOOD CORTEZ

"The work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness quietness and assurance forever." (Isaiah 32:17)

On February 18, 1907 in Temple, Texas, born to Mr. and Mrs. John Cortez, God gave to the world a baby boy who had been chosen from his mother's womb to be a spiritual giant--a leader, an advisor, an intercessor for the needs of the people, a preacher. He began his ministry in the year of 1932 after hearing the call of the Lord saying, "I have need of thee."

On Sept. 9, 1923 in Frost, Texas, he married the former Thenolia Roberson. He remained with her as a faithful husband for 60 years, until her passing on Jan. 1, 1983. To this union was born nine children.

He faithfully served the church for 55 years, beginning under Bishop J. H. Galloway. He served as Superintendent of the Amarillo District, District Y.P.W.W. President, State Y.P.W.W. President, and Pastor of Pampa and Clarendon, Texas.

He served as Assistant Pastor to Elder J.L. Langston in Amarillo, Texas for seventeen years; he built and pastored the church in Borger, Texas for twenty-nine years, and pastored Emmanuel Church in Amarillo for 36 years, until his demise.

He has served as the Superintendent of the Borger District for 28 years; he served as State Chairman under Bishop J.E. Alexander for 14 years and as First Administrative Assistant and Chairman of the Executive Board for five years; which position he held at the demise of Bishop Alexander.

Some of his favorite scriptures were Eph. 1:4 and Job 27:6.

On Saturday morning, March 14, 1987 at approximately 3:15 a.m., he laid down his cross to receive his crown. Those of the family who remain with cherished memories are his devoted wife, Mrs. Mae Lee Cortez; four sons, Jess Cortez of Amarillo, Therlow of Denver, Colo., Richard of Los Angeles, Calif., and Roy of Santa Maria, Calif; four daughters, Johnnie, Nadine, Opaline and Daphne, all of Amarillo; 31 grandchildren and 30 great-grandchildren; and a host of neices and nephews, other relatives and many, many friends.

He has not served who gathers gold,
Nor has he served whose life is told
In selfish battles he has won
Or deed of skill that he has done,
But he has served who now and then
Has helped along his fellowmen.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Organ Prelude	Kevin Bowser
Combined Choirs	Selection
Master of Ceremonies	Supt. W. C. Keenan
Old Testament Scripture - Psalm 121	Eld. C. H. Duncan
Invocation	Supt. C. S. Johnson
New Testament Scripture - I Corinthians 15:51-58	Supt. W. C. Thirlkill
Combined Choirs	Selection
Brief Remarks: 1. Bishop W. H. Watson 2. State Supervisor Victorine Mackey 3. Chairman J. B. Mason	
Solo	Miss. Norlene Cortez
Acknowledgement of Ecclesiastical Officials and Pastors (Limit 2 Min.)	
Acknowledgement of Telegrams, condolences, etc.	Miss. Lajuanda Rusk
Resolutions: State Representatives District Representatives Local Churches	
Solo	Steven Barnes
Prayer of Solace	Bishop W. D. Haynes
Solo	Sis. Ruth Waites
Obituary	Eld. Elisha Demerson
Eulogy	Eld. Jess Cortez
Recessional	

ACTIVE PALLBEARERS

Tony Finney
Deacon Brown
Min. G. D. Thomas
Ray Rusk

Samuel Edwards
Jerome Whitaker
Leon Marshall
Godfrey Riles

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Therlow Cortez
Richard V. Cortez
Jess Cortez

Roy Cortez
Lonnie Thrower
Herbert Hendry

Vernell Johnson

Interment

Llano Cemetary

Final Arrangements Entrusted To:
Austin Bros.-Mims Funeral Directors
1416 N. Hughes
Amarillo, Texas

The Cortez family wishes to express their appreciation for cards, flowers, food and every act of kindness during their bereavement.

Escort: Courtesy of Amarillo Police Department

(All drivers in the funeral cortege are asked to please burn auto headlights until arrival at the cemetery.)